

Remarks

This paper is filed in response to the Examiner's amendment to page 1 of the specification and request for submission of formal drawings in the Notice of Allowability.

The Cross-Reference to Related Application section of the specification was deleted in the Amendment filed on August 17, 1999. In response to comments in the Office Action dated November 5, 1999, in the Preliminary Amendment filed on May 5, 2000, Applicant's Representatives pointed out that the Cross-Reference to Related Application section had previously been deleted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification to remove the insertion at line 10 on page 1 that was introduced by Examiner's amendment as noted on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability.

The Brief Description of the Drawings is amended to correspond to the formal drawings submitted herewith.

It is believed that this Amendment does not introduce new matter and that no fee is necessary for the present submission. However, if any fees are deemed necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-0743.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6959 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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